



City of Scottsdale PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

APPROVED

Regular Meeting Summary Minutes

5:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 5, 2011
Horizon Community Center, Room 1
15444 N. 100th Street, Scottsdale, AZ

Present:

Chair Stan Koczka
Vice Chair Harry Schlegelmilch
Commissioner Robert Frost
Commissioner Anne Wurth
Commissioner Jeanne Alspaugh
Commissioner James Duchene

Absent:

Commissioner Gene Dafoe

Staff Present:

Jan Cameron
Reed Pryor
Tim Barnard
Hugh McGill
Terry Erickson
J.P. Blakey
Kelli Kurtz

Candice Winters
Tim Nisbet
Paul Germinaro
Scott Anderson
Mike Ruggiero
Lorelei Oien

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Koczka called the regular meeting to order at Horizon Park Community Center at 5:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

A formal roll call confirmed members present as stated above.

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3. MOMENT OF SILENCE

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – Regular Meeting, October 5, 2011

Motion by Commissioner Frost to approve Regular Meeting Summary Minutes from October 5, 2011; second by Vice Chair Schlegelmilch.

Vote: Work Study Session Summary Minutes approved unanimously with a vote of six (6) to zero (0).

5. YOUTH CORPS PROGRAM UPDATE

John Blakey, Mountain View Park Assistant Recreation Coordinator, provided an overview of summer 2011 teen volunteer program, which included the Youth Corps Mission Statement and purpose. Mr. Blakey reported that the youth go through a competitive process which includes an application, an interview and a commitment from the applicant. The Youth Corps participants gain leadership, team building, and communication and customer service skills. 179 Youth Corps participants volunteered more than 1,200 hours at 26 locations throughout the city, providing the city an estimated \$252,000 in volunteered service.

Mr. Blakey also reported on the World Changers Program in which youth participate in service learning programs, and the STEP (Scottsdale Teen Employment Program) teens receive job training information and interview skills.

Ms. Allison Kent, a six year participant in the Youth Corps Program, gave a testimony about what the program has meant and taught her.

The Commissioners expressed their appreciation and belief of the value the Youth Corps Program brings to the City of Scottsdale.

6. HORIZON PARK AND PROGRAM UPDATE

Kelli Kurtz, Recreation Coordinator, presented an overview of Horizon Park's usage and amenities, which is a 95 acre park that includes a 15,000 square foot community center, the city's only ADA accessible dog park, and many leisure education classes. Ms. Kurtz also reported on the success of the softball tournaments, including the Senior Softball Tournament, and how staff is investigating ways to increase revenue from such events.

Candice Winters, Assistant Recreation Coordinator, presented information about Horizon's Youth and Teen After School Programs, which has 82 participants from six different schools; additionally, this year there is a focus on health, nutrition, and fitness that is funded through a grant received through Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community (SRPMIC). Ms. Winters also reported on the Teen Program which provides service to 60 teens from three different schools and the Horizon Total Recreation Enrichment Club and the Desert Canyon Club 678 Teen Program.

The presentation was followed by questions and comments from the Commissioners, and responses from staff, including:

- ▶ The reason for the drop in registration from the previous year, from 112 participants to 82, is primarily due to the newly implemented fee.
- ▶ The money for the grant that the SRPMIC issues is a result of the Indian tribes having to give back 12% of the gaming money that they receive.
- ▶ The commission's desire is that the decision makers regarding whether or not the city continues to run the after school programs understand that the programs are far from merely a babysitting function.

7. PROGRAM AND OPERATIONS UPDATE ON CHAPARRAL PARK, YOUTH SPORTS AND ADULT SPORTS

Scott Anderson, Recreation Supervisor, Tim Nisbet, Adult Sports Assistant Recreation Coordinator, and Paul Germinaro, Youth Sports Assistant Recreation Coordinator, will provide an update on the programs and operations for Chaparral Park, Youth Sports, and Adult Sports.

Scott Anderson, Recreation Supervisor presented an overview of Chaparral Park, which is a 100 acre park that includes lighted ball and soccer fields, volleyball courts, ramadas, a community center, and a parcourse. At the south end of the park is a ten acre urban fishing lake which is stocked 24 times a year and hosts a large bird population. Mr. Anderson also reported that the four acre off leash area dog park gets 300,000 visits a year.

Paul Germinaro, Youth Sports Assistant Recreation Coordinator, presented the 2010/2011 review of the Youth Sports program which consisted of 57 coaches/officials and took place at several Scottsdale schools right after school. Flag football had 24 teams and 324 participants. Volleyball had 25 teams and 324 participants. Basketball had 40 teams and 388 participants. The track and field program wraps up the school year and the participants have the opportunity of competing in the state level track meet, and the Hershey International Meet in Pennsylvania.

Tim Nisbet, Assistant Recreation Coordinator, presented the 2010/2011 review of the Adult Sports program. Softball had 694 teams and generated \$349,479 in revenue. Basketball had 126 teams and 1,260 participants. Flag football had 94 teams. Kickball is the newest program and had 154 teams and generated \$41,470 in revenue.

The presentation was followed by questions and comments from the Commissioners, and responses from staff, including:

- ▶ The majority of coaches for the youth sports programs are primarily students that recruited from the colleges and universities in the area and attend 15-hour training and are nationally certified.
- ▶ A second Paws in the Park event is in the planning stage and staff is looking for sponsors and vendors.
- ▶ Scottsdale's track program always does very good at the State level meets; one participant from Scottsdale competed at the National Meet last year.
- ▶ Revenue for Adult basketball last year was \$58,350, and for Flag Football it was \$42,345.
- ▶ Costs for youth sports participation is approximately \$60 for an eight-week season and approximately \$45 for a three-week season. There are no family discounts, but fee assistance is available.

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- ▶ Dodgeball is still offered during winter break and is still very popular.
- ▶ Kickball is played on the Eldorado softball fields. Non-city youth sports leagues prefer to play in the larger complexes.
- ▶ The City of Scottsdale does not currently offer adult soccer; it is run by private organizations that utilize Scottsdale's fields.
- ▶ Commission requests future discussion on the possibility of fees for the off leash area/dog park.

9. COMMISSIONER REPORT

The commissioners provided updates on events and activities they had attended since the last commission meeting, including Commissioner Frost presenting an update for Doc Cavalliere Park, which is scheduled to open mid-November.

10. DIRECTOR'S REPORT OF CURRENT EVENTS (A.R.S. § 38-431.02(K))

Jan Cameron, Parks and Recreation Director, updated the Commission on the status of events and activities of the Parks and Recreation Department. This includes, but is not limited to, updates on programming, special events, calendars, and upcoming meetings.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no citizen comments.

12. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lorelei Oien
Administrative Secretary

Meets established criteria,
Janice M. Cameron
Director, Parks and Recreation